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LBB forecasts stable adult offender population numbers through 2021

In June 2016, the Legislative Budget Board released new offender population growth projections for both the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. The LBB's projections indicate that the number of adult offenders who are incarcerated or on supervision will remain relatively stable during the next five fiscal years.

The number of adult offenders who are incarcerated is projected to remain almost unchanged during the next five years, while the number on parole supervision and fel-

ony community supervision (probation) is projected to increase slightly (by less than 1 percent and 1.4 percent respectively). During that same period, the number of misdemeanor offenders placed on community supervision is expected to decrease.

These projections indicate the incarcerated population will remain below TDCJ's operational capacity during the next five years.

The LBB will update these population projections in preparation for the next legislative

session, which begins in January 2017. The projections are used by the state legislature while making decisions regarding appropriations and criminal justice policy.

The LBB is a permanent joint committee of the Texas Legislature that develops budget and policy recommendations, prepares fiscal analyses for proposed legislation, and conducts evaluations and reviews to improve the efficiency and performance of state and local operations. ●

